

# CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES



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## BACKGROUND

The mission of the California Department Water Resources (DWR) is to manage the water resources of California in cooperation with other agencies, to benefit the State's people, and to protect, restore, and enhance the natural and human environments.

The following are summaries of DWR's major responsibilities and goals:

**Goal 1** - Prepare and update the California Water Plan to guide development and management of the State's water resources.

**Goal 2** - Plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain the State Water Project to supply good quality water for municipal, industrial, agricultural, and recreational uses and for fish and wildlife protection and enhancement.

**Goal 3** - Protect and restore the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta by controlling salinity and providing water supplies for Delta water users, planning long-term solutions for environmental and water use problems facing the Delta, and administering levee maintenance reimbursements and special flood control projects.

**Goal 4** - Regulate dams, provide flood protection, and assist in emergency management to safeguard life and property by supervising design, construction, operation, and maintenance of more than 1,200 jurisdictional dams; encouraging preventive floodplain management practices; maintaining and operating Sacramento Valley flood control facilities; cooperating in flood control planning and facility development; and providing flood advisory information.

**Goal 5** - Educate the public on the importance of water and its proper use; and collect, analyze, and distribute water-related information to the general public and to the scientific, technical, educational, and water management communities.

**Goal 6** - Serve local water needs by providing technical assistance; cooperating with local agencies on water resources investigations; supporting watershed and river restoration programs; encouraging water conservation; exploring conjunctive use of ground and surface water; facilitating voluntary water transfers; and, when needed, operating a State drought water bank.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Grants and/or loans are available for water conservation, groundwater management, and studies and activities to enhance local water supply reliability. Project eligibility depends on the type of organization(s) applying and participating in the project and the specific type of study or project. More than one grant or loan may be appropriate for a proposed activity.

### Grants

#### *Flood Protection Corridor Program*

Provides grants to local government agencies and nonprofit organizations for nonstructural flood management projects that include wildlife habitat enhancement and/or agricultural land preservation. Total program funds authorized through Proposition 13, the Water Bond, are \$70 million. A maximum of \$5 million per eligible project can be awarded. For additional information regarding funding availability

and application process, contact Earl Nelson at (916) 574-1244 or via e-mail at [enelson@water.ca.gov](mailto:enelson@water.ca.gov) or visit the DWR's grants and loans website.

#### ***Drainage Reuse Program***

Provides grants to universities, districts, and other public agencies for research to reduce toxic materials in subsurface agricultural drainage water through reuse of the water and the use of remaining salts. Total program funds authorized through Proposition 204, Safe, Clean, Reliable Water Supply Act, are \$500,000. For additional information, contact Manucher Alemi at (916) 651-9662 or via e-mail at [malemi@water.ca.gov](mailto:malemi@water.ca.gov) or visit DWR's grants and loans website.

#### ***Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Program***

Funds authorized through Proposition 50, Chapter 8: Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM), in the amount of \$500 million are available for projects to protect communities from drought, protect and improve water quality, and improve local water security by reducing dependence on imported water. Program applicant eligibility by applicant entity type will be determined in the future. A total of \$384 million are available for grants. A maximum of \$50 million per project can be awarded. The Proposition 50, Chapter 8 IRWM grant application proposal solicitation package will be posted at DWR's website in the near future. For additional and updated information, contact Tracie Billington at (916) 651-9226 or via e-mail at [tracieb@water.ca.gov](mailto:tracieb@water.ca.gov).

#### ***Infrastructure Rehabilitation Construction Program***

Provides grants to public agencies and incorporated mutual water companies in economically disadvantaged service areas with 200 to 16,000 service connections to projects to repair, restore or rehabilitate an existing water distribution system or delivery facilities that result in the reduction of significant water losses or replace a failing system component. Total program funds authorized through Proposition 13 (Water Bond), Chapter 8, Article 5 are \$60 million. A maximum of \$5 million per eligible project can be awarded. For additional information contact Linda Buchanan at (916) 651-9645 or via e-mail at [lbuchana@water.ca.gov](mailto:lbuchana@water.ca.gov) or by visiting DWR's grants and loans website.

#### ***Infrastructure Rehabilitation Feasibility Study***

Provides grants to public agencies and incorporated mutual water companies in economically disadvantaged service areas with 200 to 16,000 service connections to fund feasibility studies for projects to repair, restore or rehabilitate existing water distribution facilities or replace failing distribution system components. Total program funds are \$3 million, which are authorized through Proposition 13 (Water Bond), Chapter 8, Article 5. A maximum of \$100,000 per eligible study can be granted. For additional information, contact Linda Buchanan at (916) 651-9645 or via e-mail at [lbuchana@water.ca.gov](mailto:lbuchana@water.ca.gov).

#### ***Local Groundwater Assistance Program***

Provides grants to local public agencies with statutory authority to manage groundwater resources for groundwater data collection, modeling, monitoring and management studies, monitoring programs and installation of equipment, basin management; and development of information systems. Total program funds are \$6 million, which are authorized through Assembly Bill 303 (Groundwater) and Proposition 50 (Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act). A maximum of \$250,000 per eligible project can be awarded. For additional information contact Harley Davis at (916) 651-9229 or via e-mail at [harley@water.ca.gov](mailto:harley@water.ca.gov) or visit DWR's grants and loans website.

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### ***Urban Streams Restoration Program***

Provides grants to local public agency and citizen's group (both required) to reduce urban flooding/erosion, restore environmental values, and promote community stewardship of urban streams. Total program funds are \$5 million per eligible project authorized through Proposition 40 (California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act). A maximum of \$1 million can be awarded per eligible project. For additional information contact Sara Denzler at (916) 651-9625 or via e-mail at [sdenzler@water.ca.gov](mailto:sdenzler@water.ca.gov).

### ***Water Desalination Program***

Provides grants to local agencies for the development of local water supplies through brackish water and sea water desalination. Total program funds are \$50 million, which are authorized through Proposition 50 (Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act). For additional information contact Debra Gonzalez at (916) 651-7026 or via e-mail at [debrag@water.ca.gov](mailto:debrag@water.ca.gov). For technical questions contact Fawzi Karajeh at (916) 651-9669 or via e-mail at [fkarajeh@water.ca.gov](mailto:fkarajeh@water.ca.gov).

## **Loans**

### ***Agricultural Water Conservation Program***

Provides loans to public agencies and incorporated mutual water companies for agricultural capital outlay measures to increase water savings and improve water use efficiency. Total program funds are \$35 million, which are authorized through Proposition 13 (Water Bond), Chapter 8, Article 3. A maximum of \$5 million per eligible project can be awarded. For additional information contact Debra Gonzalez at 916-651-7026 or via e-mail at [debrag@water.ca.gov](mailto:debrag@water.ca.gov) or visit DWR's grants and loans website.

### ***Groundwater Recharge Facilities Program***

Provides loans to public agencies and incorporated mutual water companies for groundwater recharge construction projects. Total program funds are \$30 million, which are authorized through Proposition 13, Chapter 8, Article 4. A maximum of \$5 million per eligible project can be awarded. For additional information contact Linda Buchanan at Linda Buchanan (916) 651-9645 or via e-mail at [lbh@water.ca.gov](mailto:lbh@water.ca.gov) or visit DWR's grants and loans website.

### ***New Local Water Supply Feasibility Study Program***

Provides loans to local public agencies for studies to assess the feasibility of implementing an eligible local water supply project. Total program funds are \$2 million, which are authorized through Proposition 82. A maximum of \$500,000 per eligible project can be awarded. For additional information contact David A. Rolph at 916-651-9635 or via email at [drolph@water.ca.gov](mailto:drolph@water.ca.gov) or visit DWR's grants and loans website.

### ***New Local Water Supply Construction***

Provides loans to local public agencies for projects such as canals, dams, reservoirs, groundwater extraction facilities or other construction or improvements. Total program funds are \$20 million, which are authorized through Proposition 82. A maximum of \$5 million per eligible project can be awarded. For additional information contact David A. Rolph at 916-651-9635 or via email at [drolph@water.ca.gov](mailto:drolph@water.ca.gov) or visit DWR's grants and loans website.